

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,
please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website,
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Holy Communion

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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

(tune: Ein feste Burg) - setting, Johann Pachelbel

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

AM God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the aid of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that,
attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins,
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

AM Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

AM Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us.**
**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**
**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in
the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

◆ GATHERING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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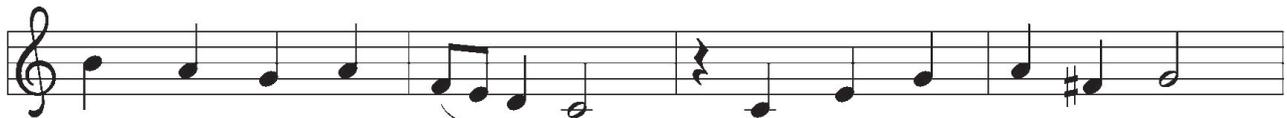
All Verses



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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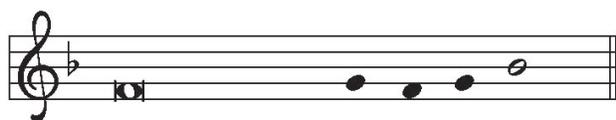
◆ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

◆ KYRIE

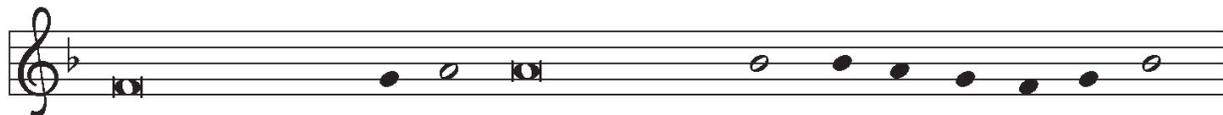
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

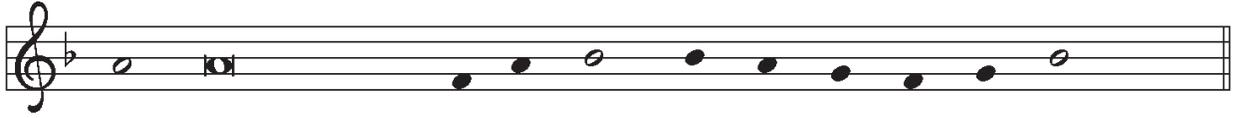


Lord, have mer - cy.





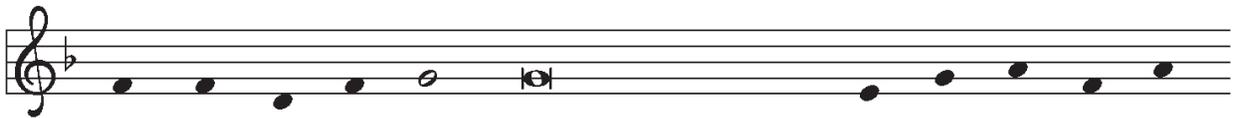
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



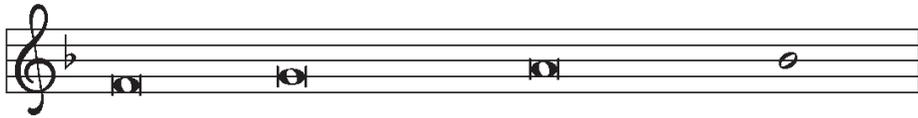
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

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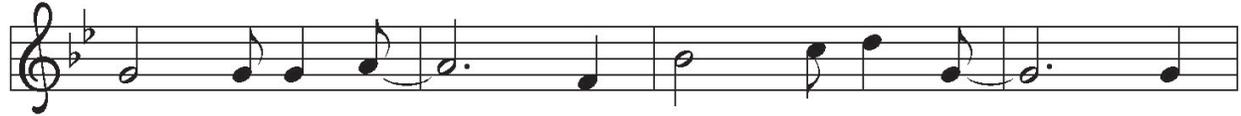
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



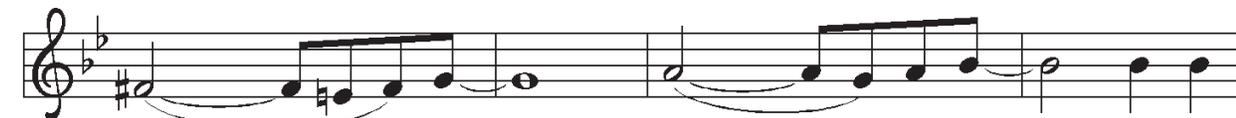
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Let us pray.
 Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

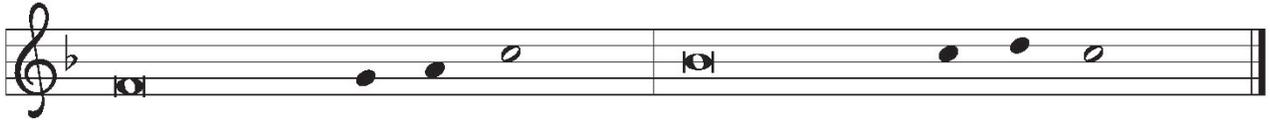
C Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 46

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)



- ¹ God is our ref-^luge and strength,
a very present^l help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the^l earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths^l of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters^l rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble^l with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-^ly of God,
the holy habitation of^l the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall^l not be shaken;
God shall help it at the^l break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the^l kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth^l melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works^l of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-^l on the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in^l all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the^l shields
with fire.
- ¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that^l I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted^l in the earth.”**
- ¹¹ The LORD of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19–28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

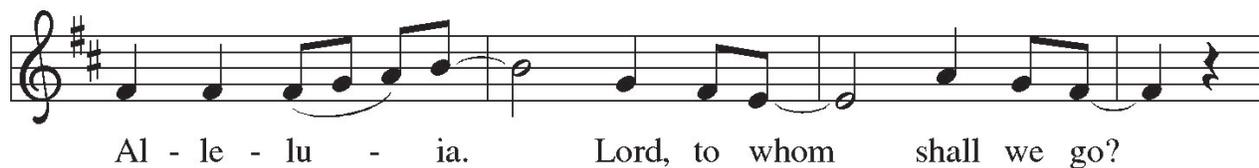
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.



◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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◆ HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

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◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "Founded on Faith" ACS 1048

Verse 1 Choir only; Verses 2-3 All



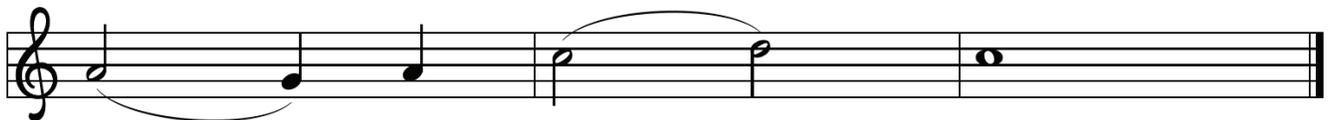
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul D. Weber, b. 1949
Music: FOUNDED ON FAITH, Paul D. Weber
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Rite of Affirmation of Baptism

For Jon Benson, Blake Caldwell, Eva Kllogjери, and Kaycee Stubben

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God on this day to celebrate and give praise for the Confirmation of four of our own as they make affirmation of their baptism into Christ. I ask for the presentation of our candidates.

(Presentation of Confirmands is made by Patsy Martin, Church Council President)

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and sisters whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the heart of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the confirmands.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

◆ *The Congregation is invited to stand and answer with the Confirmands.*

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P Jon, Blake, Eva, and Kaycee, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands respond: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

The minister addresses the assembly.

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The confirmands are invited to the altar rail for the laying on of hands with their parents and family members. Confirmands please kneel.

P Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for the Confirmands.

P We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C Amen.

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [*Jon, Blake, Eva, and Kaycee*] the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her struggles, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

Confirmands respond: **"Amen."**

PRESENTATION OF PRAYER SHAWL

Linda Johnson assists in presenting Prayer Shawls

WELCOME

AM Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

Meal

◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
“The peace of the Lord,” or similar words.*



OFFERTORY: Choral Anthem “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”
David Benson, violin - arr. David M Cherwien

TEXT: See **ELW 729**, minus stanza 4.

CONGREGATION JOINS IN SINGING STANZA 5.

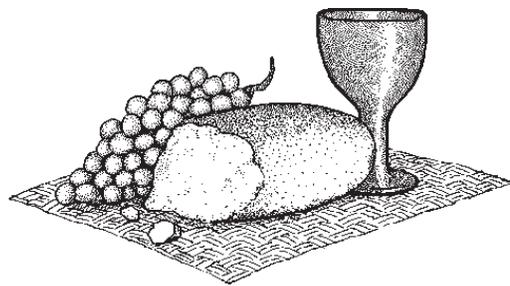
Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.

◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERING *The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation's ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!*



◆ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed
Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

- ~ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**
- ~ **Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
- ~ **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"What Feast of Love"	- ELW 487
"Come, Let Us Eat"	- ELW 491
"Listen, God Is Calling"	- ELW 513
"Word of God, Come Down to Earth"	- ELW 510
"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"	- ELW 509
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"	- ELW 596

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BENEDICTION

P The peace of God,
 Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
 keep your hearts and your minds
 in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

◆SENDING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" **ELW 654**
All Verses

continued on next page



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - Martin Luther / arr. Hal H. Hopson

Edison Lutheran Church - Welcoming.....Nurturing.....Serving

Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	Serving Sunday October 26	Serving Next Sunday November 2
Presiding Minister	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
Assisting Minister	Bonnie Bowers	Chris Omdal
Acolyte	Hannah Kress	Cameron Dahl
Lector	Jenifer Troxel	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb
Greeters	Laura Engebretsen RuthAnne Pocock	Inger Conner Jean Miller
Ushers	Brad Wyman Cathy Smith	Mark Johnson Darla Jensen
Altar Guild	Julie Rousseau Judy Sheahan	Judy Sheahan Kathy Shoop
Fellowship Hosts	Judy Bendtsen & Roger Taxdahl Cheryl Conner	Bud & Bonnie Bowers Kristin Caldwell
Flowers	Terri Olsen	Ron & Gailyn Ploeg
Council Member of the Day	John Johnson	Keith Peterson

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, November 2nd, are:

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

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